

THE STAR CHAMBER

CONDENSED HISTORY OF A FAMOUS SCHEME OF OPPRESSION.

At First Its Objects Were Laudable, but It Subsequently Became a Cruel and Unjust Power—Some of Its Outrageous Penalties.

When the Earl of Richmond had defeated Richard III. at Bosworth and had been crowned king as Henry VII., he found the times in so troubled a state that men whose rights were infringed upon or denied them dared not apply for justice to the ordinary courts. The publishing manner in which bribes and threats were resorted to by those that had influence over the proceedings of these courts denied to them the security of a juror's oath.

To reach a mischief that had grown so intolerable Henry, feeling himself strong enough with his second parliament, created a court made up of the highest officers of the kingdom, embracing, theoretically, the king himself, who was considered the author of all justice, to which were confided unlimited power and discretion over a large, undefined class of offenses, many of which were of a political character, without the restraint of a jury and subject to no revision by appeal.

This was afterward known as the court of the star chamber, so called because the ceiling of the room in which it met was studded with stars or because in this apartment prior to the time of Edward I. the contracts of the Jews, called stars, were deposited in boxes or chests.

This scheme had good results at first. Wealthy landowners who had oppressed their neighbors with impunity were brought before this court, where neither fear nor favor could avail, and tried for their offenses. The greatest merit of the court was that it was not dependent on a jury, for juries were unable or unwilling to render a verdict in keeping with their consciences.

One said, "A court thus constituted, with powers so broad and a discretion unlimited by prescribed rules, though called into existence for wise and salutary purposes, was in the end like invoking the spirit of mischief without a corresponding power in reserve to lay it or check its excesses." It inclined to abuse its authority.

Instead of losing power as the necessity for its existence passed away it drew to itself new elements of strength and enlarged the extent of its jurisdiction.

It became, after successive administrations under the hands of ambitious leaders such as furnished in the time of Henry VIII., Elizabeth and the two Stuarts, a most potent engine of despotic rule and intolerance. Torture, intimidation and other devices were used to compel the accused to incriminate himself.

Charles I., through the star chamber, filled his coffers. During his reign such enormous fines were imposed for trivial offenses that the audience gathered about the courtroom at 3 o'clock in the morning to secure seats to hear the proceedings. The discretionary power of the court in the way of punishment made it a means of cruel injustice in the hands of bad men, instances of which disgrace the history of its administration during the reigns of James I. and Charles I.

One of the most remarkable cases was that of Bishop Williams, who had been lord keeper of the seal, a popular prelate and a man of learning and spirit and at one time a special favorite of James. While enjoying his patronage he exerted his influence in behalf of Laud, afterward archbishop, who owed his first promotion to his good offices. Some disagreement arose between them. Nothing would satisfy Laud but the ruin of the man who had befriended him.

On some slight pretext the bishop was brought before the star chamber and fined £10,000, committed to the Tower during the king's pleasure and suspended from office. His furniture and books were levied upon to pay the fine. Among some refuse papers were found some letters from Obaldiston, a schoolmaster, directed to the bishop. In these letters the writer spoke of a "little great man" and in one place of a "little urchin." As Laud was small of stature, it was conjectured that these terms referred to him. They were both tried, one for receiving such scandalous letters and the other for writing them. Williams paid a fine of £8,000 and Obaldiston £5,000, and he had his ears nailed to the pillory.

Fryne, a barrister at law, of Lincoln's Inn, a Puritan of the strictest sect, published his famous "Histrio Mastix," a huge volume of 1,000 quarto pages, aimed at stage plays, music dancing, public festivals, Christmas sports, bonfires and maypoles. For this alleged libelous volume he was arraigned before the star chamber.

Mr. Fryne, in his general sweep for his historical illustration of the mischief of frequenting plays, referred to Nero and spoke of Plautus and others who conspired against him for his bad example upon the magistrates and the people. The chief justice from this inferred that the author intended to incite the people to murder the king, and Fryne was deprived of his right of practice as a barrister, condemned to stand in the pillory at Westminster and Chesham, to lose his ears, one at each of these places, to pay a fine of £5,000 and to be imprisoned for life.

There was hardly a man in the realm who had not personal experience of the harshness and greediness of the star chamber. It became odious, and not without reason. It was abolished in 1641 as one of the acts of concession made by Charles I. to the demands of an indignant nation. Fryne and his fellow martyrs were recalled from prison. They entered London in triumph amid the shouts of the multitude, who threw laurels in their path.

A Restless Patch of Earth.

There is, near to the Thuringian summer resort, Trausee, a curious and locally celebrated phenomenon—namely, the floating island which disports itself at will, now at this and now on that side of the Hautesee, a small and charmingly situated lake. The little island also has its own flora, varying from that on the immediately adjacent mainland, among which may be mentioned the "meat consuming" *Drosera rotundifolia*, while flowers and edible berries grow here in rank profusion and slender birches cast their shade over those who care to land and investigate this restless little patch of earth. Birds are especially partial to this spot, wild ducks and other aquatic birds breeding here in great numbers. But the great event of the year is the "Volksfest" held upon the island every Ascension day, when dancing and "bratwurst eating," washed down by the obligatory beer, is the order of the day.—Pall Mall Gazette.

They Joined Hands.

Mr. Rhodes once told a circle of friends after dinner the story of his first meeting with Beit. "I called at Porges' late one evening," he said, "and there was Beit working away as usual. 'Do you never take a rest?' I asked. 'Not often,' he replied. 'Well, what's your game?' said I. 'I am going to control the whole diamond output before I am much older,' he answered as he got off his stool. 'That's funny,' I said. 'I have made up my mind to do the same. We had better join hands.' Beit, Cecil Rhodes had small patience with arithmetical details. Once this characteristic involved him in a difficulty. Pitching a balance sheet into the pile of papers before Beit, he exclaimed desperately, 'Here, you understand things. For heaven's sake tell me how I stand.'

Butterflies That Live on Fish.

The butterfly was blue and transparent. As through blue glass its tiny heart could be seen beating inside its body, and the professor read a newspaper article through its lovely blue wings. "This," he said, "is the pteropoda, a Mediterranean butterfly. It eats fish. On its tongue are rows of pointed hooks. They serve as teeth. This beautiful creature would turn up its nose at a garden of roses and lilies, but it would feast ecstatically upon a putrid eel. Now and then a pteropoda is found on the Florida or the California coast. It is only abundant, though, in the Mediterranean."

The Power of Intuition.

"The power of intuition usually spoken of as being so mysterious is really not so at all," said a woman recently. "It is merely the ordinary method of reasoning from observation intensified. The so called intuitive person differs from the one of more commonplace powers in possessing a keener sensitiveness to facts. She or he, for it is absurd to assert that this power is exclusively feminine, observes a thousand things that persons of duller sense fail to see and that are beyond the control of the most skillful actor."—New York Tribune.

An Extraordinary Forest.

The most extraordinary forest in the world was discovered by Dr. Welwitsch and occupies a tableland some six miles in width near the west coast of Africa. The peculiarity of the trees is that, though their trunks are as much as four feet in diameter, they attain the height of only a foot. No tree bears more than two leaves, and these attain a length of six and a breadth of two feet.

Not What He Seemed.

Romance has flung a deceptive halo over the old yeoman farmer. He was certainly not a good tiller of the soil, but lazy, old fashioned and unenterprising. No houses were so much in need of repair, no gardens so ill kept, no fields so overgrown with weeds, as those of the small proprietor of the eighteenth century.—London Country Life.

Two Sides of a Word.

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MARKET REPORT

NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Ga., Oct. 15.—The naval stores market closed today as follows:

WW	5.90
WG	5.70
N	5.00
M	4.90
K	4.80
H	4.70
G	4.60
E	4.50
D	4.40
C	4.30

Spirits Turpentine, 65% cents.

PENSACOLA COTTON.

The following Pensacola quotations are furnished by J. P. O'Connor & Co., factors and importers:

Good Middling	10 15-16
Strict Middling	10 13-14
Middling	10 11-12
Strict Low Middling	10 10-11

DEEDS.

R. W. Sublett to L. M. Davis—Lots 1 and 2, of subdivision of lot 2 of fractional section 6, township 3 south, range 20 west—\$175.

D. C. Durham and Elsie Durham to Isaac Champness—The S. E. of the Francisco Collins grant in township 1 south, range 20 west, 343 acres; also half interest in blocks 85, 87 and 104, Patterson addition—\$4,000.

A Most Worthy Article.

When an article has been on the market for years and gains friends every year, it is safe to call this medicine a worthy one. Such is Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It positively cures coughs and all Pulmonary diseases. One of the best known merchants in Mobile, Ala., says:

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Quality Counts—Use

LIGHT HOUSE BREAD.

Pfeiffer's Steam Bakery.

Ticking Human Vanity.

Few people realize how profitable the trade of ticking human vanity is and how many different forms it employs. There are obscure newspapers and nominal magazines that live by it and provide good incomes for their editors. It is quite common to find upon center tables luxuriously bound and printed volumes whose contents consist entirely of fulsome puffs. Each profession, trade, avocation and association has its library of memorabilia of persons of the kind who, in Lowell's phrase, were created to fill up the world. The writer remembers seeing in the "best room" of a remote farmhouse a morocco bound, gilt edged volume upon the notabilities of the country, which contained a biography and engraved portrait of rustics horridly himself. The original volunteered the information that his niche in the local pantheon had cost him a sum, which, on later conversation, was disclosed to be larger than a year's interest on the mortgage encumbering the farm.—Wilbur Larremore in Atlantic.

Man's Debasing Influence.

"This African explorer whose experiences are being published in some of the papers says parrots are delicious eating. I always thought they were very tough."

"But he refers to wild parrots. It's their association with men that makes most parrots tough."—Philadelphia Press.

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SHIPPING NEWS

Arrived Yesterday.

Alicia, Br ss, Ingram, 1316, Hamburg to John A. Merritt & Co.

Hildegarde, Br ship, Bohlman, 1610, Bremen to order.

Vivina, Span ss, Arroatega, 1933, Liverpool to Gulf Transit Co.

Cleared Yesterday.

Ida, Aust ss, Hreglich, 2093, for Marcellus, with 1,600 tons phosphate rock, for Trieste, with 1,650 bbls rosin.

Ibex, Br ss, Brinks, 129, for Gulfport, in ballast.

Sailed Yesterday.

Ibex, Br ss, for Gulfport.

Steamships.

Acadia, Br ss, Thomas, 1848, Buenos Ayres to Gulf Transit Co.

August Belmont, Br ss, Clarke, 2967, Newcastle on Tyne to Gulf Transit Co.

Axminster, Br ss, Spink, 1231, Havana to master.

Benedict, Br ss, Roberts, 1758, Kingston to S. P. Shetter Co.

Degama, Br ss, Keene, 2245, New Orleans to A. A. Brown & Co.

E. O. Saltmarsh, Br ss, Rogers, 2319, Tampa to Gulf Transit Co.

Butterpe, Br ss, Wale, 2298, Las Palmas to Gulf Transit Co.

Ida, Aust ss, Hreglich, 2093, New Orleans to Gulf Transit Co.

Kirkstall, Br ss, Hinde, Colon to master.

Tayton, Br ss, Tratters, 2300, Montevideo to master.

Tugela, Br ss, Nicholl, 2141, Cardiff to H. Baars & Co.

Vidar, Nor ss, Arnesen, 1084, Sugua la Grande to Hyer Bros.

Ships.

Avanti Nor ship, Anderson, 1648, London to order.

Ferreira, Port ship, Barros, 506, Lisbon to master.

Canada, Br ship, Spurr, 2237, Rio Janeiro to Pitch Pine Lumber Co.

Ingrid, Nor ship, Dannel, 1260, Antwerp to McK. Oerting & Co.

Lena, D ship, Tassara, 1581, London to order.

Barks.

Alfredo, Uruguayan bk, Maragas, 987, Montevideo to H. H. Thornton.

Alfred, Swed bk, Svensen, 1332, Durban to master.

Andrea, Nor bk, Quale, 114, Durban to master.

Avon, Ital bk, Avegno, 1477, Genoa to master.

Campbell, Nor bk, Hausken, 1109, Stavanger to McK. Oerting & Co.

Chacma, Nor bk, Jorgensen, 557, Fleetwood to order.

Ellen, Dan bk, Gredericksen, 160, Buenos Ayres to McK Oerting & Co.

Hereford, Nor bk, Jensen, 1350, Rosario to order.

Helmdal, Nor bk, Hensen, 1354, Hull to order.

Humbert, Span bk, 1111, Battle, Havana to order.

Isabel Browne, Rus bk, Lindquist, 1231, Hull to master.

King Oscar II, Nor bk, Johnsen, 752, Rosario to A. Zellus.

Lilla, Nor bk, Aanonson, 1080, Santos to order.

Luis, Uruguayan bk, Lopez, 700, Havana to order.

Maria, Ger bk, French, 1022 Kings Lynn to master.

Negropo, Nor bk, Gjerdson, 1128, East London to A. Zellus.

Noach VI, Swed bk, Burgefeld, 1260, Port Natal to order.

Olivari, Ital bk, Costa, Genoa to order.

Superb, Nor bk, Ullch, 1934, Antwerp to A. Zellus & Co.

Schooners.

Donna Christina, Am sch, McLeod, 165, Belize to master.

Domira, Br sch, Reddie, 2001, St. Lucie to master.

Freddie Heucken, Am sch, Bryant, 475, Havana to master.

Hjalmar, Am sch, Axelsen, 55, Tampa, to order.

Napoleon Bonapart.

showed, at the battle of Austerlitz, he was the greatest Leader in the world. Ballard's Snow Liniment has shown the public it is the best Liniment in the world. A quick cure for Rheumatism, Sprains, Burns, Cuts, etc. A. C. Pitts, Rossella, La., says: "I used Ballard's Snow Liniment in my family and find it unexcelled for sore chest, headache, corns, in fact anything that can be reached by a liniment."

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The Dog and the Stick.

Professor Wilhelm Wundt, the famous German psychologist, tells of teaching a dog to jump over a stick. One day the professor commanded his dog to jump, but held out no stick. At first the dog seemed surprised, and on repeated ordering to jump he barked. At last he sprang into the air and barked very vigorously, as if to complain of the absurd and ridiculous command to jump when no stick was held out.

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